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them and a set of armed lawless men in a community, except in size and strength.

To-day one daring, ambitious, strong man can by a reckless shot precipitate an international riot, and who ever shall kill the most people and commit the greatest robbery would be the greatest hero in popular esteem.

The United States Government is now proceeding as far as possible in the direction of the same stupendous folly. To bring the nations of the earth under a government where justice would be the arbiter would be the greatest achievement of the human race. I believe that nations will rise up to call your Society blessed if it can put in motion a public sentiment that will accomplish that crowning glory of civilization—the world's peace. Humanity would walk on a higher plane, nearer to God.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

T. A. STOCKDALE.

From Hon. Justin R. Whiting, M. C., of Michigan.

St. Clair, Mich., April 18, 1891.

I was in attendance at the Interparliamentary Conference in Paris in 1889. Two other members of the House of Representatives were in Paris and Hon. John Sherman of the Senate was in France but neither attended. It was almost beyond the comprehension of the delegates from the various countries to learn that the United States was moving in the direction of increased expenditures for a navy or for coast defences. I told them that it was done mostly in the interests of men who wished to get their hands into Uncle Sam's pockets and also from a misconception of the real wishes of the people.

They had hoped that we would continue to set an example of peace to all the world, and that we appreciated the respect that all nations would have for us in rising above a system which brought immeasurable calamities.

I think it thoroughly practical and very desirable to arrange to have headquarters for the advocates of Peace and Arbitration in some building at the Exposition grounds in Chicago, and by notice in the public press, certain days or a certain work could be named when special meetings and exercises might be held. It would give an excellent opportunity for development of sentiment in that direction. The masses neither wish war nor the system of taxing industry to support vicious idleness, Yours truly,

JUSTIN R. WHITING.

From Hon. Byron G. Stout, M. C., of Michigan.

PONTIAC, MICH., April 10, 1891.

R. B. Howard, Sec'y:

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your circular calling attention to a proposed meeting of a "Peace Congress" at the time of our approaching International Exposition. With all movements of this kind I am in profound sympathy and trust that much may be done to bring the time when the "Lion and the Lamb may lie down together."

From Rev. Henry T. Cheever, D.D.

You make a valuable journal of the Advocate. I was pleased with your notice of your visit to Portsmouth, N. H., and your calls there. As to Mr. Moen (Hon. Philip L. Moen, a member of the American Peace Society, who recently died in Worcester, Mass., of which place Dr. Cheever is a citizen), he is a great loss to the moral as

well as financial forces of Worcester. He and Friend T. K. Earle were among the most reliable advocates of "no license" in the city. Who will fill their places?

THE PEACE PARTY.

W. EVANS DARBY.

The time shall come when muffled drum And sheathed sword, and battles cease Of those shall tell, who, midst the hum Of war's commotion, strove for peace.

Theirs was the band, that noble band,
That marks a cause unpopular;
'Gainst odds immense they made their stand
And waged a steadfast war on war.

No spear nor sword did means afford Of warfare, sharp and sure, for them; They but proclaimed the sacred word That rang o'er plains of Bethlehem.

And as they spoke, conviction woke In minds and consciences of men Until in multitudes there broke An ardor of goodwill to men,

Which grew and spread till kinship dead And love awoke to glorious birth, Nations combined, that fought and bled, And Peace grew regnant on the earth.

But far and near, peasant and peer,
Men of each country, clime and clan,
The cherish'd memory revere
Of those who breath'd that love of man.

Father above, Thou God of Love,
Whose hallowed truth inspired their call,
We follow them, O Holy Dove
Descend, inspire, control us all.

WAITING AT FOURSCORE.

SARAH ORNE JEWETT.

My life seems like a book that's read and put up on the shelf; I used to be a hurrying round; I don't feel like myself; Sometimes I'm tired of keeping still, I want to be at work; I see so many things to do and I don't like to shirk.

I used to have to toil and plan, and now I have to wait, And I suppose I mustn't fret, but in a future state I shall be sure to find my place and be some use again, For there we still shall serve the Lord—the Scripture says it plain.

So it's my golden wedding day, though we have been apart For forty years, and yet John knows that he has kept my heart, And I know that he looks for me and waits for me to come; I've tried to do the best I could – and here or there it's home!

The venerable Joseph Peace Hazard of Peacedale, R. I., sends us the wise sentiment:

"In regard to the subject of religion, think for thyself, and fear not. In regard to thy conduct, let the spirit of prayer pervade all thou doest.

"He who most successfully strives to do nothing he thinks he ought not to do, will be likely to be a truly pious person, whatever his or her mode of religious faith may be."

March 23, 1891.